AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend page 8 of the specification to add at line 21the text as follows:

Therefore, as described previously herein, the present invention provides a method for supporting a plurality of devices operating on different frequency bands during a first period of time at an access point: initiating a contention free period at a first frequency; switching from the first frequency to a second frequency; communicating with devices operating at the second frequency; and periodically during the first period of time, temporarily ceasing the step of communicating with devices operating at the second frequency to initiate a contention free period at the second frequency, switch from the second frequency to the first frequency, initiate another contention free period at the first frequency, and switch from the first frequency back to the second frequency.

The present invention further provides alternatively a method for supporting a plurality of devices operating on different frequency bands comprising at an access point: during a first period of time, initiating a contention free period at a first frequency; switching from the first frequency to a second frequency; and communicating with devices operating at the second frequency, and during a second period of time, initiating a contention free period at the second frequency; switching from the second frequency to the first frequency; and communicating with devices operating at the first frequency.

The present invention further provides alternatively a method for supporting a plurality of devices operating on different frequency bands comprising at an access point: during a first period of time, initiating a contention free period at a first frequency; switching from the first frequency to a second frequency; initiating a contention free period at the second frequency; transmitting multicast data to subscribers operating at the second frequency; ending the contention free period at the second frequency; and communicating with devices operating at the second frequency, during a second period of time, initiating a contention free period at the second frequency; switching from the second frequency to the first frequency; initiating a contention free period at the first frequency; transmitting multicast data to subscribers operating at the first frequency; ending the contention free period at the first frequency; and communicating with devices operating at the first frequency.